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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CENTO, OCON  
SUBJ: CENTO MINISTERIAL DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DRAFT TEXT OF MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE  
FROM SECRETARIAT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE. COMMUNIQUE WILL BE  
FINALIZED BY DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO  
DELEGATIONS FOR ADOPTION. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF DRAFT  
COMMUNIQUE:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY  
ORGANIZATION (CENTO), WHICH WAS INAUGURATED BY THE MESSAGE OF  
HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR. READ ON HIS  
BEHALF BY HIS EXCELLENCY MR. AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA, PRIME  
MINISTER OF IRAN, HELD THEIR 24TH SESSION IN TEHRAN ON.....

2. THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY:

IRAN H.E. DR. ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PAKISTAN H.E. MR. AZIZ AHMED,

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS.

TURKEY H.E. MR. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL,  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

UNITED KINGDOM THE RT. HON. DAVID OWEN

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMTN-WEALTH AFFAIRS.

UNITED STATES THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE,

SECRETARY OF STATE

3. H.E. MR. UMIT HALUK BAYULKEN, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION, PRESIDED AT THE OPENING MEETING OF THE SESSION. AFTER READING THE MESSAGE OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA, PRIME MINISTER OF IRAN, WELCOMED THE VISITING DELEGATIONS TO TEHRAN. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO AND BY THE LEADERS OF THE VISITING DELEGATIONS EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SHAHANSHAH'S GRACIOUS MESSAGE AND FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT, AND BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. A. A. KHALATBARY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF IRAN, WHO PRESIDED AT SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

4. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONDUCTED A WIDE-RANGING AND CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF INTEREST IN THE CENTO AREA, AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT PEACE, STABILITY, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS WERE BEING MAINTAINED IN THE REGION. THE MINISTERS PLEDGED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION AND REAFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE REGION.

5. DURING THEIR WARM AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS THE MINISTERS EXPLAINED THEIR POSITION AND THEIR VIEWS REGARDING THE PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN VIGILANCE IN THE REGION WERE REAFFIRMED.

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6. THE MINISTERS ALSO REVIEWED PROGRESS TOWARDS FURTHER PROMOTING COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE IN THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS. IN REVIEWING THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THEY DIRECTED THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WAYS OF EXPANDING ITS WORK IN THE FORM OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THEY ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE EXPANDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND MASS MEDIA PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CENTO.

7. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT PEACE HAD RETURNED TO LEBANON AND PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. THEY FURTHER REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE CON-

TINUATION OF EFFORTS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT  
RESULTING IN A JUST, HONORABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EASTERN  
AREA AS A WHOLE.

8. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON  
DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE AND EXPRESSED THEIR SINCEREST HOPES  
THAT THE REVIEW CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN  
EUROPE TO BE HELD IN BELGRADE LATER THIS YEAR, WOULD LEAD  
TO A FURTHER RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. IN THIS  
CONTEXT, THE MINISTERS ONCE AGAIN STRESSED THAT SECURITY IN  
THE CENTO REGION CONSTITUTES THE IMPORTANT RELATED ELEMENT.

9. THE MINISTERS NOTED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY  
COMMITTEE, AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE PROGRESS MADE  
DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG  
THE PARTNERS IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

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10. IN REVIEWING EVENTS WITHIN THE CENTO REGION DURING  
THE PAST YEAR, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR  
THE COOPERATION, SOLIDARITY, AND FRIENDSHIP, DEMONSTRATED  
BY THE CENTO MEMBER COUNTRIES BY BEING AMONG THE FIRST TO COME  
TO THE AID OF THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN EAST  
ANATOLIA.

11. IN CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW THE MINISTERS NOTED  
WITH APPRECIATION THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL, WHICH CONTAINS MANY VALUABLE RECOMMENDATIONS.  
THEY REITERATED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE ALLIANCE  
CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE, SECURITY AND STABILITY  
OF THE REGION SO AS TO PROMOTE FURTHER THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
WELFARE OF ITS PEOPLE.

12. THE MINISTERS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF .....TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL IN .....DURING .....1978. END TEXT  
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